

ADM File No. 2010-22

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Clerk, Michigan Supreme Court:

I am a domestic relations attorney and partner in charge of the domestic relations section with the firm of Hertz Schram PC in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. I also teach family law at Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills. I am contacting you to voice my support for ADM 2010-22, known as the Anti-Trolling proposal.

Trolling is a potentially deadly practice. Most family law practitioners understand this. Unfortunately, there are a few who do not, and regularly “troll” the legal news for new divorce filings in the hopes of snagging a new client. There are times when a spouse may file a complaint for divorce, but does not immediately serve their spouse until the timing is right for various reasons, including the threat of domestic violence. Studies have shown that the filing of a complaint for divorce is a particularly volatile time in domestically violent households. Also volatile is the time around the entry of the judgment of divorce. Divorce litigants may act out physically against their mates, as exemplified as recently as this week in the gruesome murder/suicide of a mother of three, by her former husband in Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, shortly after the entry of their divorce judgment.

I hope you are able to join my in my support for the Anti-Trolling proposal.

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